

## ARBITRATION

*Agreement and exchange of notes signed at Washington February 13, 1924, extending convention of May 2, 1908*

*Senate advice and consent to ratification February 26, 1924*

*Ratified by the Netherlands March 22, 1924*

*Ratified by the President of the United States April 2, 1924*

*Ratifications exchanged at Washington April 5, 1924*

*Entered into force April 5, 1924*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States April 7, 1924*

*Expired March 25, 1930*

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### AGREEMENT

The Government of the United States of America and Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, desiring to extend for another five years the period during which the Arbitration Convention concluded between them on May 2, 1908,<sup>1</sup> and extended by the Agreement concluded between the two Governments on May 9, 1914,<sup>2</sup> and further extended by the Agreement concluded between the two Governments on March 8, 1919,<sup>3</sup> shall remain in force, have respectively authorized the undersigned, to wit:

Charles Evans Hughes, Secretary of State of the United States of America,  
and

Jonkheer Dr. A. C. D. de Graeff, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands at Washington,  
to conclude the following Agreement:

### ARTICLE I

The Convention of Arbitration of May 2, 1908, between the Government of the United States of America and Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, the duration of which by Article III thereof was fixed at a period of five years from the date of the exchange of ratifications, which period, by the Agreement of May 9, 1914, between the two Governments was extended for five years from March 25, 1914, and was extended by the Agreement between them of March 8, 1919, for the further period of five years from March 25,

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<sup>1</sup> TS 519, *ante*, p. 62.

<sup>2</sup> TS 617, *ante*, p. 67.

<sup>3</sup> TS 641, *ante*, p. 71.

1919, is hereby extended and continued in force for the further period of five years from March 25, 1924.

## ARTICLE II

The present Agreement shall be ratified by the President of the United States of America, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, and by Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, and it shall become effective upon the date of the exchange of ratifications, which shall take place at Washington as soon as possible.

DONE in duplicate in the English and Dutch languages at Washington this thirteenth day of February, 1924.

CHARLES EVANS HUGHES	[SEAL]
DE GRAEFF	[SEAL]

## EXCHANGE OF NOTES

*The Secretary of State to the Netherlands Minister*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON, *February 13, 1924*

SIR:

In connection with the signing today of an agreement for the renewal of the Convention of Arbitration concluded between the United States and the Government of the Netherlands, May 2, 1908, and renewed from time to time, I have the honor, in pursuance of our informal conversations, to state the following understanding which I shall be glad to have you confirm on behalf of your Government.

On February 24 last the President proposed to the Senate that it consent under certain stated conditions to the adhesion by the United States to the Protocol of December 16, 1920,<sup>4</sup> under which the Permanent Court of International Justice has been created at The Hague. In the event that the Senate gives its assent to the proposal, I understand that the Government of the Netherlands will not be averse to considering a modification of the Convention of Arbitration which we are renewing, or the making of a separate agreement, providing for the reference of disputes mentioned in the Convention to the Permanent Court of International Justice.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

CHARLES E. HUGHES

Jonkheer Dr. A. C. D. DE GRAEFF,  
*Minister of the Netherlands.*

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<sup>4</sup> 6 LNTS 380.

*The Netherlands Minister to the Secretary of State*

LÉGATION DES PAYS-BAS

WASHINGTON, D.C., *February 13, 1924*

No. 475

SIR:

With reference to your note of today I have the honor to state that the Royal Government has instructed me to inform you that in the event of the adhesion by the United States to the Protocol of December 16, 1920 under which the Permanent Court of International Justice has been created at The Hague, the Government of the Netherlands will be willing to consider a modification of the Convention of Arbitration between the Government of the Netherlands and the United States, which we have renewed today, or to make a separate agreement, providing for the reference of disputes mentioned in the Convention to the Permanent Court of International Justice.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

DE GRAEFF

Honorable CHARLES E. HUGHES,  
*Secretary of State, Washington, D.C.*